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President's Message

Greetings fellow WCW Members. I thought I would write a few lines to introduce myself. I have been a member of WCW for more than 14 years. I am a NRA Certified Instructor in HFS, Basic Pistol and Basic Shotgun. In addition I have been a Hunter Education Instructor for many years. David Levinson and I have run the WCW Youth Shotgun Program since 2002. We have enjoyed this program very much and have the good fortune to have had several students be invited to the USA National Training Center in Colorado, and to have had students go on to be shotgun shooting champions in Washington and Alaska. This program has been quite rewarding to say the least.

My qualifications for business stem from my 40 + years in the funeral industry. I have been an embalmer, funeral director, manager, and General Manager overseeing multiple funeral facilities in the N.W. from 1982 - 2014. During this time I developed one facility into the largest volume funeral home in the entire N.W. region, serving over 3000 families a year. In addition to being responsible for a multi-million dollar funeral operation financially, I became familiar with negotiating with the public, staff, and dealing with corporate to develop budgets and policies to better serve clients and staff. All of these skills are already being put to use here at WCW.

It is an honor to serve as your President of WCW. I know that I have extremely large shoes to fill. Mr. Alvarez, (Vic); Mr. Brattain, (Carl); and Mr. Conderman, (John); to name a few, all have given many years of their lives to make WCW what it is today. WCW hosted a PITA Shotgun Shoot May 16, at our facility with shooters from many clubs in the state. That day I had the opportunity to show off, our facilities to several of the other club's dignitaries. After visiting our facilities at Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, and Archery, the conclusions from the other club's representatives was summed up by sincerely expressing that WCW is truly a Model Club

for other clubs to design from. Thanks to all who have given so much. It took a great deal of compromise, planning and strategy to be where we are now and as your President, I will do my best to continue to grow our club and to keep our shooting sport facilities the best around.

Some of the plans for this year include:

1. Completion of the baffle system for the public rifle range(#2).
2. Work on our drainage systems. (continuing challenge.)
3. Obtaining drawings, having architectural and engineering plans completed and the appropriation of funds for the development and completion of the Rapid Fire Range #4 for Pistol.

To continue to better WCW I have asked the employees, committee heads and managerial staff to leave their ideas for improvements. I'm open to ideas from the members as well. I have heard so many times, "now we can make some changes", well I challenge you to explain what changes you would like to see and explain how they will benefit WCW.

Thank you for remembering to help keep the facility neat and clean, thanking our employees for all their great work; and volunteering to help when you are able to do so. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Finally it is my sad responsibility to let you know that we lost another of our range personnel, George Wells. He has been ill for a while, but passed away on May 14th. A service is being planned. We will miss him.

Gary Webster

SAFETY IS JOB ONE!



Board Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2015

President John Conderman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. All Board members were present except Tamera Gramer and Carl Brattain excused and Gerry Albertson.

Guests:

Lane Roehl, Jack Giuliano, Jeff LeMoine, Wayne Clapper, Vic Alvarez and Kevin Kellogg.

The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting and Annual Meeting were read.

Committee Reports:

Jack Giuliano, Range; Wayne Clapper, Shotgun and Jeff LeMoine & Mike Wichser, Archery.

Trustee's Report:

Dave Levinson reported on the completion of the electrical panel replacement at the clubhouse and also the emergency replacement of the electrical panel in the Range office.

Treasurer's Report:

No report

Old Business:

Mike Wichser reported on the Range # 2 side baffle replacement project.

John Conderman welcomed and swore in the new Board Members Jeff LeMoine and Joe Rinaldi.

New Business:

Larry Mallory moved that the new Special Use Guidelines be amended to say "rim fire rifle, center fire or muzzle loading rifle and high power bench rest pistol will be dealt with by the Range Committee individually by request". 2nd by Dave Levinson. Passed; Larry Mallory moved the Special Use Guidelines be amended for pistol qualifications to utilize the existing caliber requirements. 2nd by Dave Levinson. Passed; Ken DeLeone moved to decommission and remove from the property any worn out firearms that we presently own and purchase 2 used Remington 1100 20 gauge shotguns. 2nd by Jim Dinnie. Passed; Ken DeLeone moved to purchase 2 3D targets, one elk and one mule deer, not to exceed \$2000.00 for use

at this year's 3-D Archery event. 2nd by Mike Wichser. Passed; Ken DeLeone moved to approve the request of Kevin Kellogg for a Wil E Coyote 100 yard .22 rim fire shoot on Saturday, June 20, 2015. 2nd by John Conderman. Passed; Dave Levinson moved that all WCW firearms may be used for any club instructional purposes. 2nd by Darian Carpenter. Passed; John Conderman moved that WCW donate \$500.00 to Paralyzed Veterans Shoot. 2nd by Joe Rinaldi. Passed

Items also discussed but not acted on were First Aid and CPR Training Classes for employees, firearms carrying of employees on duty, and grant writers.

John Conderman moved to adjourn this meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM. Submitted by Dan Barton, Recording Secretary.

Orientation

The following new member applicants attended Orientation this month and received their membership cards.

J.D. Albin
Carmi Bruton
David Chen
John Dixon and Shelby Quinn
Glen Doxey
Daisy and Justin Fennell
Steve and Judi Hanks
Michael and Alana Huck
Tom and Tanya Koleszar
Eric Olsen
Jim and Patricia Rimar
Carmen Sigovan and Maury Gridley
Paul Spink
Ross TenEyck-McDowell

Welcome to the club.

Bits and Pieces

The Board has passed some new rules which, as of June 1st, 2015, effect the Special Use process for the first time requesters.

New requesters will first have to attend a Range or Archery Committee policy and safety presentation and get a dated Probation Card(s). Then you must visit the range 6 times in the next year for each card. There are separate cards for archery, rifle, and pistol. There is a minimum probation period of 6 months, before you may request a special use. In order to request a special use, after the 6 month probation, you must turn-in a completed Probation Card with 6 signatures certifying safe range use. If you have not completed the process within 1 year, the process starts over.

In addition to the Probation Card, you must also fulfill the other qualification requirements required for the special use you are requesting. As an example, for a Pistol special use you need to qualify with the Pistol Rangemaster, demonstrating your marksmanship and safe gun handling before any pistol special use will be considered.

Range#1 Special Use Guidelines

Special Use permits which only require the appropriate information be passed on to, and understood by, the member:

Benchrest 100, 200, and 300yds
Chronograph 100yds
Muzzleloader 100yds
Off-hand 100yds (next to the bench)
HP-Benchrest-Pistol 100yds (rifle caliber with a scope)

Special Use permits which require qualification by the member:

CMP/Highpower Match practice 100yds, rapid fire permitted (NRA classification card)
Position shooting 100yds (P,S,K) (WCW Position qualification card)
.22LR 50yd Bench/Position (P,S,K) (WCW .22LR qualification card)
300yd Prone (WCW Prone qualification card)

Restricted Special Use permits which require certification by the Range Committee Chairman and approval by the Board. Must be renewed annually.

Vic Alvarez



**NRA 50 Shot Highpower
Position Rifle Match**

In our April NRA High Power Rifle Match Jeff McGee won Match Rifle with a High Master score of 489-17X and Fuzhou Hu shot a Master score winning Service Rifle with a score of 478-10X. Fuzhou won't be hanging onto his Expert card very much longer with high scores up in the Master range like that one. Mark Moran turned in a respectable 459-4X, and Robert Shuey had to drop out with a rifle malfunction.

Our first NRA High Power Match of the season had an unexpectedly low turnout of four competitors. In times gone by we have seen as high as 13 competitors. We have always crafted our offerings to new people who have never done High Power style shooting events. We consider our offering a "starting point", and due to our facility's size constraints, we shoot all courses at 100 yards. Apparently we have done a good enough job bringing new people into the sport. There has for about a decade been competition for our decades-old schedule of "third Sunday" for this experience. The range at Cascade put their High Power weekend pair of matches on the third weekend, opposite us. Now, numerous "graduates" of our starter program have migrated to Cascade or other full-size ranges to gain experience in what we cannot offer, distances of 200 yards for Standing and Sitting positions, 300 for Prone Rapid Fire, and 600 for Prone Slow Fire. We wish all of our graduates well and are proud to see them succeeding on full-size ranges out in the world!

This small turnout that we currently have raises a problem with range usage. It is difficult to justify allocation of Range 1 exclusively to a group with only four or five participants. We need more new shooters. Let me emphasize that a new person need have no previous knowledge of this sport or have competition equipment. You can schedule a preliminary lesson with either myself or Jack Giuliano through the range office.

If you cannot do that, just come to the match on the third Sunday. We will give a pre-session to new people and we will assign them to a seasoned shooter for further mentoring.

Our aim, once, again, is to bring in new shooters and give them a successful introduction to Position Shooting. Any safe rifle up to .30 caliber is acceptable, though muzzle brakes are discouraged. This is to protect the hearing of neighboring shooters. Scopes while being acceptable are a small disadvantage as they give less confidence in the wiggly sight picture.

Orin Humphries



Rimfire Position Rifle

Season Wrap Up - 2015 Smallbore Rifle League

This article wraps up the 2015 Puget Sound Riflemen's Association (PSRA) Winter League and gives final season averages and award for the two WCW teams.

Wild Mink

The Wild Mink finished first place this year with a 9W – 3L record in the regular season and a win in the shoot-off against the EZXs. The Wild Mink also had the high aggregate team score of 18,456 out of 19,200 possible, an average score of 384.5 x 400 per shooter per night.

Individual Awards for the Wild Mink were:

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| High Iron Sight | N. Grigoreva | 388.33 |
| High Junior | A. McCurry | 373.70 |
| High Lady | N. Grigoreva | 388.33 |
| Kneeling-Master | N. Grigoreva | 97.08 |
| Winner-Standing | N. Grigoreva | 94.42 |

Wild Mink final averages:

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|--------------------|--------|
| Emma Carey | 389.43 |
| Nataliia Grigoreva | 388.33 |
| Jason McCurry | 384.89 |
| Jaelyn McMahan | 383.86 |
| Alan Carey | 380.86 |

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| Abby McCurry | 373.70 |
| Brien McCrea | 358.17 |

Skunks

The Skunks finished in fourth place with a regular season record of 7W – 5L. Unfortunately, the Skunks lost a shoot-off for 3rd place against West Seattle #1.

The Skunks scored well in the individual awards:

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| High Any Sight | J. McGee | 390.42 |
| High Master | A. Graham | 388.75 |
| Highest Score | J. McGee | 394 |
| Winner-Prone | J. McGee | 100.00 |
| Prone – Master | A. Graham | 100.00 |
| Winner-Sitting | A. Graham | 99.92 |
| Sitting-Master | J. McGee | 99.50 |
| Sitting-Expert | D. Graham | 98.67 |
| Winner-Kneeling | J. McGee | 98.25 |
| Standing-Master | J. McGee | 92.67 |

Note the Jeff McGee and Arnie Graham both were perfect on the season for prone and the final prize for league winner and high master was decided by a tiebreak procedure.

Skunks final averages:

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|--------------|--------|
| Jeff McGee | 390.42 |
| Arnie Graham | 388.75 |
| Dan Graham | 377.58 |
| Ernie Snyder | 368.30 |
| Jon Olson | 359.75 |
| Susan Graham | 357.67 |

Shotgun hours of operation

Mon **Closed except Holidays**

Tues **5:00 to 9:00 pm**

Wed **Noon to 5:00 pm**

Thur **5:00 to 9:00 pm**

Fri **Closed except Holidays**

Sat **10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

Sun **10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

1st Mon Members Only 5-9pm

3th Mon Members Only 5-9pm

The following is the Bylaw change proposed by Vic Alvarez at the Annual Meeting and which will be voted on at the next General Meeting on July 8, 2015. This is the entire new Section 1, 2, and 3 of Article III. You can view the strike-out and changes in last month's newsletter.

Article III QUALIFICATION, MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1

Any person of suitable character and with the desire to cooperate in the interests and conditions set forth in Article II may become a member of the Wildlife Committee of Washington upon application, payment of the prescribed fees, recommendation by the Membership Committee, and the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 2

Membership dues and assessments, including work assessments, shall be established and published by the Board of Directors. If requested, in response to a published change in the dues and assessments, in writing by ten percent (10%) of the members in good standing, the Board will seek approval of the membership.

The membership structure shall be defined as Single membership, Family membership, or Junior membership. A Family membership shall be defined as a head of household and significant other and all dependent children to the extent set forth in Section 3 of this Article, or a single head of household and all dependent children as described in Section 3 of this Article. A Junior membership shall be defined as a non-voting membership for Juniors 18 to 21 years old with restrictions on their activities and privileges as established by the Board of Directors.

New members shall be assessed dues at the date of their application for membership on a pro-rata basis of 1/12th of the annual dues for each month or portion of a month remaining in the membership year. Payment of an initiation fee, established by the Board of Directors, and the pro-rata dues shall accompany all applications for membership.

Procedures to convert from a Single membership to a Family membership shall be established by the Board of Directors.

Section 3

Dependents under twenty-one years of age or dependents who are full time undergraduate students whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) hold a valid family membership as defined in Section 2, above, shall be eligible to receive all club privileges except voting, at the discretion of the club. Upon reaching the age of twenty-one or leaving a full time student status, these persons must establish adult membership in the Wildlife Committee of Washington in order to enjoy club privileges and responsibilities.

Those youth converting to adult membership as described above, or those youth converting from Junior membership, shall not be required to pay an initiation fee and their first year's dues shall be one-half the current dues for a regular member.

The NRA and the WCW

Our club is an NRA recruiter, and we get a commission for all new members we sign up and for all renewals processed with our recruiter ID number. We receive \$10 for every new member and \$5 for every renewal.

The club has a significant number of NRA members and it would be a real benefit to the club for all those members to renew using the form below, or by using our web site direct link to the NRA renewals...on the home page. Besides, by renewing through the club, you save \$10. **Let's see, you save \$10 and the club gets another \$5....what a good deal.**

Then there are a great many WCW members who are not yet NRA members. The club would receive \$10 of the

\$25 special dues for every member who would join through the club. You would be doing your part on a national level to protect your gun and hunting rights. **You save \$10 and the club gets another \$10....a really good deal.**

Sign up your wife or husband or friends on an Associate membership for \$10 (no magazine) and the club gets a \$5 commission. Don't want to get the full membership, sign up for an Associate membership for yourself.

We have been getting an extra \$1,000 a year without much effort just from the few who sign up....we could get a great deal more and you would be doing yourself a favor. The benefits which come with an NRA membership are significant. You get \$1,000 un-scheduled firearm insurance and \$10,000/

\$5,000 accidental life insurance. And you would be adding to the strength of the NRA, which has passed the 5 million member mark. There is strength in numbers and the number of NRA numbers should be much higher. Let's all pull together and give them the support they need.

As an aside, the NRA provides the lesson plans and manuals for all our safety classes....and direct dollar grants for some of our projects.

Just remember, use the form below, or use our web site direct link. Write your check to the NRA or use your credit card for easy processing.

SAVE MONEY and HELP THE CLUB.

New or Renewal Special Rates for NRA Membership \$25.00

By special arrangement, the NRA is allowing us to sign-up members for **\$10 OFF** their regular 1 year dues. You **MUST** make your check out to the **NRA** or you will be charged sales tax. Mail it to the club, drop it off at the Range Office or mail it directly to: **National Rifle Association, Recruiter Program Department, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030-7400**

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



NRA

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NRA RECRUITER ID#
Wildlife Committee of Washington
RECRUITER SIGNATURE

DATE: _____ NEW MEMBER RENEWAL # _____

NAME: Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ FIRST _____ LAST _____ M.I. _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ BIRTHDATE: ____/____/____

E-MAIL: _____

CHOOSE ONE MAGAZINE (Junior Members under age 15 receive *Insights* magazine only, 15 and older choose magazine)

AMERICAN RIFLEMAN AMERICAN HUNTER AMERICA'S 1ST FREEDOM

PAYMENT INFORMATION CASH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

CHARGE TO: AMEX VISA MC DISCOVER

CHECK # _____

ACCOUNT # _____ EXP. DATE _____ MO. _____ YR. _____

MEMBER SIGNATURE (credit card only) _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE

1 YEAR ~~\$35~~ **\$25**

3 YEAR \$85

5 YEAR \$125

JUNIOR (18 years & under) \$15

ASSOCIATE (no magazine) \$10

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Reg. \$1000 Jr. \$550

Distinguished - age 65+ \$375

EASY PAY* PAID IN FULL

OTHER _____

FOREIGN POSTAGE (per year: \$5 Canadian - \$10 other)

* EPL \$25 down payment then \$25 quarterly payments until the total dues are paid.

TOTAL \$ _____

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